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UNCLAS APRIL 20. BOTH LEADING LA PRENSA GRAFICA AND DIARIO DE HOY BANNERLINED "FOREIGN MINISTER BORGONOVO KIDNAPPED" WITH FRONT-PAGE PHOTO STORIES AND HEAVY JUMP-PAGE COVERAGE. ACCORDING TO THESE STORIES, MINISTER MAURICIO BORGONOVO POHL WAS KIDNAPPED FROM HIS RESIDENCE EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING BY 6-8 ARMED TERRORISTS CLAIMING TO BE MEMBERS OF THE FUERZAS POPULARES DE LIBERACION "FARABUNDO MARTI" (POPULAR LIBERATION FORCES "FARABUNDO MARTI"). THE FPL'S MANIFESTO, WHICH WAS CARRIED LATE LAST NIGHT BY MOST LOCAL RADIO STATIONS, DEMANDED THE RELEASE OF 37 POLITICAL PRISONERS (SOME OF WHOM BELIEVED TO BE FPL MEMBERS) AND SAFE PASSAGE TO CUBA, MEXICO, COSTA RICA, OR VENEZUELA. THE TERRORISTS ALSO DEMANDED THAT ALL NEGOTIATIONS "BE MADE PUBLIC THROUGH THE SALVADORAN NEWS MEDIA." THE MANIFESTO ALSO "UNMASKED BEFORE THE CENTRAL AMERICAN PEOPLES AND THE ENTIRE WORLD THE CRIMINAL ACTIONS OF THIS (SALVADORAN) LACKEY REGIME OF YANQUI IMPERIALISM WHICH ONLY SERVES THE INTERESTS OF THE RICH." THE MANIFESTO THEN CLAIMED THAT "SALVADORAN ELECTION FRAUD AND UNJUST ACTIONS AGAINST SALVADORAN CITIZENS WERE DIRECTED BY U.S. IMPERIALISTS." TO DATE NO RANSOME MENTIONED. THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT HAS UNCLASSIFIED

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NOT AS YET MADE ANY FORMAL OR PUBLIC COMMENT CONCERNING THE KIDNAPPING. SPANISH TEXT (EXCERPTS)
FOLLOWS:
"EL CANCILLER SALVADORENO, INGENIERO MAURICIO BORGONOVO POHL, FUE SECUESTRADO EL MARTES TEMPRANO POR LA MANA CUANDO SE DIRIGIA A SU DESPACHO EN EL MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES.
"VARIOS HOMBRES ARMADOS LO ENCANONARON Y LE OBLIGARON

A ACOMPAÑARLES CON RUMBO DESCONOCIDO. NO HUBO FORCEJEO, NI DISPAROS NI NINGUNA OTRA CLASE DE VIOLENCIA.

"EL GRUPO SUBVERSIVO AUTONOMINADO FUERZAS POPULARES DE LIBERACION "FARABUNDO MARTI" (FLP) SE RESPONSABILIZO DEL SECUESTRO DEL ALTO FUNCIONARIO Y EMITIO UN COMUNICADO QUE FUE TRANSMITIDO AYER EN LAS ESTACIONES DE RADIODIFUSION Y QUE ESTA MANANA RECIBIO AMPLIA PUBLICIDAD EN LOS DOS PRINCIPALES PERIODICOS SALVADORENOS, LA PRENSA GRAFICA Y EL DIARIO DE HOY.

"EL COMUNICADO MANIFESTABA ENTRE OTRAS COSAS, QUE HABIA TOMADO COMO PRISIONERO DE GUERRA AL MINISTRO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES DE ESTE GOBIERNO TITERE Y QUE GUARDABA PRISION EN UNA CARCEL REVOLUCIONARIA. ANADIA QUE LA OPERACION SE HABIA REALIZADO PRIMERO PARA OBTENER LA LIBERACION DE LAS CARCELES DE LA TIRANIA MILITAR FASCISTOIDE DE UNA PARTE DE LOS PRESOS POLITICOS QUE POR CENTENARES LLENAN LAS PRISIONES SALVADORENAS; SEGUNDO, PARA DESENMASCAR ANTEN LOS PUEBLOS CENTROAMERICANOS Y DE TODO EL MUNDO LOS CRIMENES Y ATROPELLOS DE ESTE REGIMEN LACAYO DEL IMPERIALISMO YANQUI Y SERVIDOR DE LOS INTERESES DE LA BURGUESIA CRIOLLA Y TERCERO PARA PONER AL DESCUBIERTO LOS CENTENARES DE ASESINATOS, CONTROL ABUSIVO DE LA POBLACION, GUERRA PSICOLOGICA, FRAUDES, IMPOSICIONES Y TODA CLASE DE ATROPELLOS E INJUSTICIAS QUE EL GOBIERNO REALIZA DIRIGIDO POR LOS IMPERIALISTAS YANGUIS.

"FINALMENTE, EL GRUPO SUBVERSIVO DEMANDABA LA PRONTA LIBERACION DE 37 PRISIONEROS POLITICOS, ALGUNOS MIEMBROS DE LAS FLP Y OTROS DEL PARTIDO COMUNISTA SALVADORENO, Y SALVOCONDUCTOS PARA CUBA, MEXICO, COSTA RICA O VENEZUELA. ADVERTIA, SINEMBARGO, QUE SI ESTAS CONDICIONES NO ERAN CUMPLIDAS ESTRICAMENTE, O SI SE PROCEDIESE MALICIOSAMENTE, O SI LOS CUERPOS REPRESIVOS SE ACERCAREN PELIGROSAMENTE AL LUGAR DE RECLUSION DEL SR BORGONOVO,

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ESTE SERIA EJECUTADO INMEDIATAMENTE. POR EL CONTRARIO, SEI LAS CONDICIONES FUESEN CUMPLIDAS ESTRICAMENTE LAS FPL PONDAN EN LIBERTAD A SUP PRISIONERO."

NO HUBO REFERENCIA SOBRE DINERO EN EFECTIVO PARA EL RESCATE DEL SR. BORGONOVO Y HASTA EL MOMENTO EL GOBIERNO SALVADORENO HA GUARDADO UN SILENCIO ABSOLUTO SOBRE LA SITUACION COMENTADA.

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